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PREFACE.

THESE Sermon Sketches are published in the hopes that they may be of some assistance to missionary preachers among the poor in large towns, or among agricultural labourers in the country.

Living, as the writer does, in the country, with very little parochial work on his hands, he has been often asked by hard-worked priests, who have not time to collect material, and yet have to preach very frequently, to produce for their use a book of sketches for mission sermons.

This work is the answer to this request. The sketches are not intended for usc among educated people, nor are they at all suitable for written sermons. They have been noted down for a guide to the author when preaching extempore, and he has here filled them out a little fuller for the assistance of others.

The doctrine in some may be more advanced than all who use the book may be prepared to endorse. But the author has not thought well to dilute it; for the time has come when Catholic clergy must speak out boldly, and the trumpet of doctrine must give no uncertain sound, but ring shrill and clear for the battle.

Feast of S. Vincent of Paul, 1871.



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